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HB1217: Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets - Exemptions

My name is Chief Robert Phillips, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in FAVOR of **House Bill 1217: Environment - Building Energy Performance Standards and Energy Use Intensity Targets - Exemptions**

The MSFA is fully in favor of this bill. The MSFA represents about 360 volunteer across the state. Several of these fire companies will be affected by the bill in its original form that requires the replacement of equipment based on a calendar rather than on the useful life of the equipment. Being based on a calendar would most likely increase the annual cost of operations due to useful years being taken away from the cost of the original equipment. All we ask for is that the present equipment be allowed to operate until it has reached its useful life span and then be replaced by systems that would meet the "building energy performance standards" of the state.

The MSFA asks that you return a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB1217**.

Thank you and I would be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully

Robert Phillips

